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TO AWARD BANNERS, BONUSES
FOR HIGH WORK PRODUCTIVITY

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PASSES DECREE -- Sofia, Izgrev, 31 Oct 50

At its session of 27 October 1950, the Council of Ministers passed a decree to stimulate work productivity through the awarding of special red banners and cash bonuses. The decree includes the following provisions:

The Council of Ministers and the ministries will be provided with a limited number of banners to be distributed among the most important departments under their jurisdiction, which in turn will award them to the most deserving enterprises and personnel. The awards will be granted primarily for the highest fulfillment of quarterly plans; however, farm workers' cooperatives will receive them for their yearly plan fulfillment, and MTS for the fulfillment of 6-month plans. The work will be evaluated by the appropriate ministry and the central association of the trade unions, assisted by a representative of the central management of the particular trade union. The evaluation record must be registered and signed by the minister and the central association of the trade unions.

The recipients of the red banner of the Council of Ministers will be awarded a cash bonus ranging from 80,000 to one million leva, according to the number of workers and employees engaged in the enterprise. The recipients of the red banner of a particular ministry will receive a cash bonus ranging from 50,000 to 500,000 leva. The bonuses will be paid from the profits made by exceeding the plan during the corresponding quarter (year, or 6-month period) and about 50 percent will be spent for the improvement of living conditions of the personnel, whereas the remaining 50 percent will be paid in bonuses to the workers and employees. Every minister, in an understanding with the trade union, may reduce the bonus of the director of the enterprise or his technical assistant, or entirely deprive them of this benefit, if they have been guilty of any particular shortcoming.

Furthermore, the decree provides that every ministry is authorized to award special insignia to workers and employees who have distinguished themselves in socialist competition and cash bonuses equal to one month's wages. The central

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association of the trade unions is authorized to award honorary diplomas to the winners of those competitions. Besides, "honor books" provided by every enterprise will carry the names of shock workers and production brigade leaders who have upheld their title for the entire year; a brief biography and the description of the particular accomplishment and work system will be added.

The decree is signed by Vulko Chervenkov, as chairman of the Council of Ministers, and Atanas Voynov, secretary general.

SUPPLY RURAL POPULATION WITH FABRICS, SHOES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 31 Oct 50

In accordance with the decree of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party aimed at improving the supply of consumers' goods for the rural population, a considerably larger quantity of goods has been delivered this year to the villages. Thus, 2,800 meters of woolen fabrics were distributed in Dulovo Okoliya during the third quarter of 1949, whereas 7,160 meters were distributed in the same period of 1950.

In Smolyan Okoliya, $2\frac{1}{2}$ times more cotton fabrics were distributed in the third quarter of 1950 than in the corresponding period of 1949; 74,600 meters were distributed in the city of Smolyan and neighboring villages.

The supply of footwear has also been increased. The rural population of Blagoevgrad Okoliya received 7,620 pairs of clogs and sandals during the third quarter of 1949, and 15,700 pairs during the same period of 1950. In Sandanski Okoliya, 11,452 pairs of clogs and sandals were distributed during the third quarter of 1949, and 26,020 pairs during the same period in 1950. Unfortunately, however, the quality of the footwear is very unsatisfactory; the lowest standards are demonstrated by the 9 September shoe factory.

SCHOOLS SHORT OF TEXTBOOKS, PAPER -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 30 Oct 50

According to information received from a number of okolias, the students of local schools are very inadequately provided with textbooks and notebooks. The responsibility for the failure lies with the National Education state publishing house and the Paper Goods state enterprise of the Committee for Science, Art, and Culture. It is true that the National Education state enterprise has been suffering from a shortage of paper and electric power, but the management has failed to overcome the shortcomings and to provide the school supplies in due time. On the other hand, many textbook writers sent in their manuscripts for publication at a very late date; some excused themselves by saying that they were too busy with social welfare work. Unscrupulous booksellers took advantage of the shortage and sold old, obsolete textbooks, which are most harmful because of their ideological and pedagogical attitude.

LAUNCH ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN -- Sofia, Izgrev, 3 Nov 50

The Ministry of Education, assisted by party and public organizations, is launching a powerful campaign to eliminate illiteracy and complete the instruction of individuals with a low level of education. The members of the Dimitrov Youth Association are taking a very active part in the campaign, which is being conducted with the help of agitation, slogans, diagrams, and wall newspapers.

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RELEASE SALE OF ILLUMINATING GAS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 31 Oct 50

According to a decree of the Council of Ministers, illuminating gas will be released for sale on the free market. The retail price will be established at 60 leva per kilogram, or 71 leva per liter. Retail enterprises throughout the country are required to declare the stocks of lighting gas in their possession.

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